

number of reservations for preserving the wild things of nature, the beasts and birds as well as the trees.

"In legislation I succeeded in getting through the national irrigation act in the development of the semi-arid States, of the great plains and Eockies; I think this achievement in importance comes second only to the creation of the homestead act; and indeed in those particular States it is more important than the homestead act.

"During these eight sessions of Congress I have succeeded in getting the administration of the civil government in the Philippine Islands put upon a satisfactory basis; and I got Congress to approve of my action in interfering in Cuba—and here, by the way, let me interject that I think we have given a pretty fair example of international good faith of the kind I preach, for after having our army for the second time for several years in Cuba, we are now about to leave the island prosperous and thriving, and with a reasonable hope that it can achieve self-government for itself; at least, if it can not, it is evident that we have done our best to put it on the road of stable and orderly independence.

"In Santo Domingo, after two years' delay I got the Senate to ratify the treaty I had made (and under which, incidentally, I had been acting for two years) and have now put the affairs of the island on a better basis than they have been for a century—indeed, I do not think it would be an over-statement to say on a better basis than they have ever been before. The Senate has ratified our actions witE

regard to South America, and in consequence  
our position  
in regard to the Latin-American Eepublics is  
infinitely  
better than it ever has been before; and so, I  
may add, is  
the case with Japan, thanks to our  
demonstrating that we  
desire to act with fairness and courtesy, and  
in entire good  
faith, *and that we carry a big stick.*

"We succeeded in passing a law improving  
the adminis-  
tration of the army, and also a law -improving  
the ad-  
ministration of the national guard or militia.  
We got  
another law passed which established the  
Department of